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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No.: 501082.10 (98-0616.09)
Serial No. : 09/652,714 Group Art Unit : 2815
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Jose R. Diaz
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicant wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, are enclosed). This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application No. 09/200,253, filed November 25, 1998, issued October 16, 2001 as Patent No. 6,303,972. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicant's duty to disclose all information he is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that applications, Serial Nos. 09/652,994, 09/652,841, 09/652,993, 09/652,840, 09/652,842, 09/652,582, 09/652,583, 09/652,581, 09/652,920, 09/654,027, 09/652,968, 09/652,579, 09/653,121, and 09/652,580, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, were filed on August 31, 2000 in each instance. These related applications, which are divisional applications of above-referenced Application No. 09/200,253,

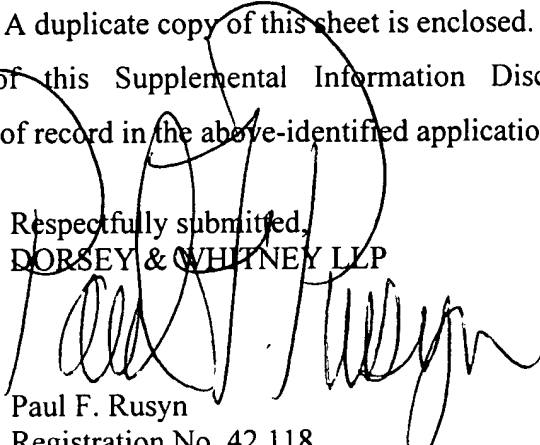
filed November 25, 1998, issued October 16, 2001 as Patent No. 6,303,972, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. The specification, claims, abstract and drawings of these related applications as filed are identical to those currently on file in the instant application as filed; therefore duplicate copies are not submitted herewith.

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 09/981,764, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on October 16, 2001. This related application, which is a continuation of above-referenced Application No. 09/200,253, filed November 25, 1998, issued October 16, 2001 as Patent No. 6,303,972, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. The specification, claims, abstract and drawings of this related application as filed are identical to those currently on file in the instant application as filed, therefore a duplicate copy is not submitted herewith.

A fee of \$180 is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,
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Cited References (13)

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Group Art Unit	2815
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1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
101	740	201	370	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee
106	330	206	165	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
108	740	208	370	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
114	160	214	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	-	20	x \$	= \$
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Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent Claim
109	80	209	40	Reissue independent claims over original patent
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	\$
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	\$
147	2,520	147	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination	\$
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120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
121	280	270	140	Request for oral hearing	\$
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126	180	126	180	Submission of IDS	\$180
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